

CEHNC-OE-DC
PROJECT MANAGEMENT PLAN
OCTOBER 1998
Original Date: 19 Oct 1998
Current Date: 29 Mar 1999

1. **SITE NAME:** Boise Army Barracks

a. **SITE NUMBER:** F10ID010300

b. **LOCATION:**

City: Boise, Idaho

County: Ada and Boise

c. **PROJECT NUMBER:** F10ID010301

d. **CATEGORY:** OE-FUDS

2. **POCs:**

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:** The former Boise Army Barracks consisted of 7,193.12 acres now located within the city of Boise, Idaho and adjacent foothills to the north and northeast in Ada and Boise Counties. The site encompasses portions of Township 3 North, Ranges 2 East, 3 East, 4 East, Boise Meridian. The former main post area of the site has been improved and now consists of a Veterans Hospital (110 acres), a Federal Building (7.63 acres), a Soldiers Home (4.95 acres), a children's home (18.69 acres), a public school (14.47 acres), a city park (40.37 acres), a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) storage yard (11.53 acres) and a U.S. Army Reserve Center (5.03 acres), a Post Cemetery, and a recreation area which includes a police small arms range. The majority of the site, which once comprised the water reserve portion of the reservation, is controlled by BLM and is used for agricultural (grazing and timber) and recreational purposes.

The site lies on rugged terrain with elevations ranging from 2,700 feet to 6,100 feet. Much of the site is referred to as the Boise foothills. There are many gulches and small drains running

throughout the site. Drainage is to the southwest with the major stream, Cottonwood Creek, joined by a tributary, Freestone Creek, just upstream of the original acreage nearest Boise. Many other small, intermittent streams drain portions of the site. All streams flow to the Boise River, which passes through downtown Boise, about one mile southwest of the site.

The climate is generally dry and temperate, with sunny, dry and warm summers and cloudy/foggy, moderately cold winters. Record summer high temperatures have reached 109-111 F, but 90 F is the norm. In winter, temperatures below freezing are common with the record low of -25 F occurring in December 1990.

4. **SITE HISTORY:** The 7,193.12 acre Boise Army Barracks was used as an Army Cavalry, Infantry and Field Artillery military training reservation. The site was also used by the Idaho Army National Guard at various times. The main reservation site was established in July 1863 and formally acquired by Executive Order of 8 April 1873, when 638.34 acres of public domain land was withdrawn for military purposes. The post was announced by General Order No. 10, dated 3 May 1873 by Headquarters, Department of the Columbia at Portland, Oregon. On 13 February 1911, 6,357.15 acres in the adjacent foothills were acquired by Executive Order No. 1297 to preserve wood and water resources for the main post. Other acquisitions were also made. One was made on 29 September 1904 when a no-area easement was acquired from the city of Boise to construct and maintain a sewer line connection between the military system and that of the city. Another acquisition was a deed from Peter Sonna and wife, dated 24 May 1905, which conveyed their water rights and a water system that they had acquired under Sections 18 and 20 of the Act of 3 March 1891 (26 Stat. 1101), and approvals thereunder by the Secretary of War dated 25 February 1843, 22 August 1894, and 12 December 1894. They also conveyed a water reserve right-of-way easement comprised of 197.63 acres. On 25 September 1909, Mary Sonna quitclaimed to the Army any remaining rights she had to the water system.

Many brick, stone, and wood frame structures were erected. Improvements included barracks, quarters, administrative buildings, and miscellaneous support/operational facilities. Five small arms ranges were present on the Main Post Area. Documents indicate that 75mm cannon were fired from the known artillery firing point near the south edge of the Main Post Reservation into the impact area located in the Water Shed Area. The original buildings have since been removed.

Pursuant to Executive Order 7798, dated 26 January 1938,

110.00 acres of the site were transferred to the control and jurisdiction of the Veterans Administration. This area contained the principal buildings of Boise Barracks. The War Department declared the rest of the post surplus, effective 18 April 1947 and 4.94 acres were quitclaimed to the city of Boise on 2 March 1948. Accountability for 7,075.75 acres (including 6,357.15 acres used for water reserve purposes) and the no-area easement was assumed by the War Assets Administration (WAA) on 25 April 1948. Public Land Order 777, dated 29 December 1951, partially revoked Executive Order No. 1297, and 2,393.19 acres of this area became part of the Boise National Forest. On 19 August 1957, Public Land Order 1469 revoked Executive Order No. 1297 in its entirety, and the remaining 3,963.96 acres of water reserve lands were returned to public domain. The final 2.43 acres were reported excess to the General Services Administration (GSA) on 4 August 1952. GSA assumed accountability for 1.36 acres of that area on 8 December 1953, and conveyed 1.07 acres to the Independent School District of Boise by quitclaim deed from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, dated 10 March 1955.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres: 7,193.12
Former Use: Boise Army Barracks, including small
arms ranges and an artillery range
Present Use: Developed urban area; agriculture and
recreation
Probable End Use: Developed urban area; agriculture and
recreation
Ordinance Presence:
Confirmed: 75mm, shrapnel and HE;
60mm, practice; Rifle grenade,
Anti-tank, M9; 12 lb. Projectiles
Potential: 37mm and 6 lb. projectiles

6. CURRENT STATUS: The draft Archives Search Report (ASR) for Boise Army Barracks was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in September 1997. USACE scoping visit for EE/CA was conducted 2-5 November. Scope of Work is being developed. AE scoping visit was conducted 12 through 14 January and Public Availability Session on 14 January 1999. Negotiations were concluded on 24 March 1999.

7. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:** Include UXO support for U.S. Forest Service tree-planting effort in April 99.
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8. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only
9. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only
10. **CONTRACTING STRATEGY:**
 - a. Type of Contract: A-E
 - b. Procurement: FFP for Site Visit, CPFF for EE/CA.